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SUBJ: DISCUSSION WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR ON
MIDDLE EAST

1. NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TANCRED IBSEN
CALLED ON CHARGE MARCH 10 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION OF
M/E SITUATION. IBSEN EXPLAINED THAT
SCANDINAVIAN FONMIN MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN
REYKJAVIK IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AND NORWEGIAN
FONOFFICE HAD ASKED HIM FOR REPORT OF HIS VIEWS
ON M/E PEACE PROSPECTS, INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY:
(1) CURRENT PLO ATTITUDE AND LIKELY RESULTS OF
PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) MEETING
DUE TO BEGIN IN CAIRO MARCH 12; (2) STATUS OF
MILITARY BALANCE BETWEEN ISRAELI AND ARAB STATES;
AND (3) MEANING OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS
EARLIER THIS WEEK CONCERNING DEFENSIBLE BORDERS.
DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION IBSEN, WHO IS OLD
M/E HAND AND HAS BEEN IN CAIRO SINCE JUNE 1973,
ACKNOWLEDGED PERSONAL PESSIMISM ABOUT CHANCES
FOR M/E SETTLEMENT, GIVEN PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES
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OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THE
WIDE GAP IN SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES BETWEEN ISRAEL
AND THE ARABS. IBSEN SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE WELL-
INFORMED ON CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS.

2. OF INTEREST WERE IBSEN'S REMARKS CONCERNING
SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENTARY

ATTITUDE TOWARD M/E CONFLICT. AS A RESULT OF
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS'S VISIT TO ARAB STATES AND
ISRAEL SOME MONTHS AGO, PARLIAMENTARY OPINION WAS
MUCH MORE FAVORABLE TO ARAB POINT OF VIEW, AND
NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT
THIS CHANGE IN REPRESENTATIVE OPINION. FOR
CHARGE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION, IBSEN THOUGHT WE
WOULD ACCORDINGLY SEE CHANGES IN NORWEGIAN VOTING
PATTERN IN UN AND ELSEWHERE.
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